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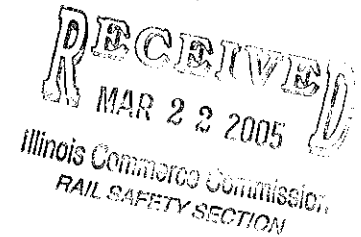
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March 8, 2005

Mr. Dave Lazarides
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Illinois Commerce Commission
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Re: State Street
Sauk Trail to 26th St.
Section: 98-W5602-03-RP

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Gentlemen:

I.C.C. Stipulated Agreement No. 1089 entered by the I.C.C. on June 23, 2004 and executed on March 11, 2004, April 8, 2004, April 13, 2004, and April 30, 2004 (for improving public safety through roadway widening, the addition of track, and the installation of new railroad warning devices at the State Street highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's tracks located in the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, IL, designated as crossing AAR/DOT 862 647C, Milepost 0.14) states that the work should be sufficiently completed and open to four lanes by September 30, 2004 and completion of the proposed improvement should be no later than November 30, 2004.

The completion date of all work associated with the above captioned Cook County Highway improvement along State Street from Sauk Trail to 26th was October 19, 2004.

As of this writing and as discussed between Mr. James O'Connor of the Cook County Highway Department and Mr. Brian Veracruz of the I.C.C. the week of February 21, 2005, the Union Pacific Railroad has not completed its work at the above referenced grade crossing. However, the roadway was fully opened to traffic upon the completion of the grade crossing pavement in mid October 2004. Also Mr. Veracruz had indicated that the Cook County Highway Department has fulfilled its reporting requirements as of the referenced conversation.

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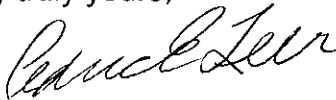
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Included for your reference is this Department's previous report dated October 4, 2004.
Questions or comments may be directed to:

Mr. Cedric E. Leer, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Construction Bureau
69 West Washington Street
Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: 312-603-1610
Fax: 312-603-9955

Very truly yours,



Cedric E. Leer, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Construction Bureau

For: Wally S. Kos, P.E.
Superintendent of Highways
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Attachments

cc: Brian Veracruz
Michael E. Stead, Rail Safety Program Administrator

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October 4, 2004

Mr. Dave Lazarides
Director of Processing and Information
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: State Street
Sauk Trail to 26th St.
Section: 98-W5602-03-RP

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to I.C.C. Stipulated Agreement No. 1089, attached herewith is a progress report as prepared by Cook County Highway Department Resident Engineer, James O'Connor, for the above captioned project. Questions or comments may be directed to:

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69 West Washington Street
Chicago, IL 60602

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cedric E. Leer".

Cedric E. Leer, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Construction Bureau

For: Wally S. Kos, P.E.
Superintendent of Highways
Cook County, Illinois

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cc: Michael E. Stead
Rail Safety Program Administrator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Cedric E. Leer, P.E.
Chief Engineer of Construction

From: James O'Connor
Resident Engineer

Date: September 30, 2004

Subject: I.C.C. Agreement Number 1089

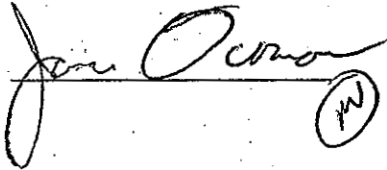
The following progress report concerns the Stipulated Agreement No. 1089 entered by the I.C.C. on June 23, 2004 and executed on March 11, 2004, April 8, 2004, April 13, 2004, and April 30, 2004. The agreement is regarding improving public safety through roadway widening, the addition of track, and the installation of new railroad warning devices at the State Street highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's tracks located in the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, IL, designated as crossing AAR/DOT 862 647C, Milepost 0.14. The agreement states that the work should be sufficiently completed and open to four traffic lanes by September 30, 2004. Overall completion of the proposed improvement should be no later than November 30, 2004.

It is expected that traffic on State Street may not be open to four lanes until the middle of October. This is due to the U.P.R.R. closing of State Street during the week of September 20, 2004 despite the fact that the County was not given sufficient notice of the intent to close the road. Cook County did not receive a permit for any of the work being done by U.P.R.R. until 4 weeks after they had already started construction. It was during this week that Callaghan Paving, the contractor for C.C.H.D., could have been constructing the final pavement on State Street. Although U.P.R.R. had placed road closure signs prior to the County receiving the required permits, C.C.H.D. reluctantly allowed the track construction to commence.

Paving operations on State Street are about 98% complete. Due to a contractor error, the pavement to the North and South of the tracks will need replacement prior to opening up traffic to four lanes. Traffic has been re-opened to two lanes as of September 28, 2004. Now that U.P.R.R. is almost finished with the track improvement, the contractor for C.C.H.D. can proceed with pavement construction on State Street.

The County believes that our part in this agreement will be complete well before November 30, 2004.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon Olson", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, towards the right end, is a small circle containing the letter "W".